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The DAILY ASTORIAN will be found on sale in Portland at the well-known stationery house of J. F. Handley & Co., 391 Washington Street. Orders for advertising left with this firm will receive prompt attention.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—Western Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho, rain today.

AROUND TOWN.

Crawfish, cooked in wine, at the National Cafe.

For Rent—Housekeeping rooms, 118 Eighth street.

Elmer Erick and Miss Emma Johnson were married on Saturday by the Rev. J. McCormac.

The American ship Clarence S. Bennett, 55 days from Shanghai in ballast, arrived yesterday morning.

Grand Master Hodson of the grand lodge of Oregon will pay the Masons of Temple Lodge a visit tonight.

The German bark Hyon cleared yesterday for the United Kingdom. She carries 62,526 bushels of wheat, valued at \$34,500.

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Declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States was made yesterday by Anthony W. Winters, who is a native of Ireland.

Twelve new registrations were filed with County Clerk Wherry yesterday, making the total 108. Of this number ten are from country precincts.

The Push Club held a meeting last evening at which were appointed committees for the ensuing term in addition to the transaction of the regular business.

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Mrs. Burgess Partlow, business mining and test medium, will give readings from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. for a few days only. Parlor 2, Main Street House.

The schooner W. F. Jewett cleared yesterday for San Francisco, carrying 620,000 feet of Oregon pine lumber for the Simpson Lumber Company, loaded at Knappa.

Alex. Norman, a logger at Olney, broke a leg in several places Sunday in a fall in front of Olsen's hotel. He was brought to St. Mary's hospital where he is receiving treatment.

Old Continental is a standard high grade Kentucky whiskey. Absolutely pure, and can be recommended to those seeking a stimulant for medical and social use. Sold by Aug. Danielson, Astoria, Oregon.

The steamer Aberdeen left yesterday for San Francisco. The Oriental steamer Arab started to cross the bar but was obliged to return. The dispatch for Southern California ports, passed out early in the day.

It is rumored that Major Frank W. Hess, inspector of the department of the Columbia, formerly in command at the mouth of the river but now stationed at Vancouver barracks, will be retired at the end of the year.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Necanicum Lumber Company the following officers were chosen: Directors, N. P. Sorenson, W. F. McGregor, N. D. Bain and Frank Patton; president, Frank Patton; vice president, N. P. Sorenson; secretary, N. D. Bain.

Captain John Caw, who is well and favorably known at this port, died at sea on board the steamer Osipira, on November 29th last, while going from Valparaiso to Liverpool. Through sickness he was compelled to leave the British ship Arranmore, of which he was master, at Antofagasta.

An annual report, showing the entire amounts collected for city licenses during 1899, was filed by City Auditor Nelson yesterday afternoon. It follows: Dog, \$198; team, \$1,348; livery stables, \$62.50; pedler, \$20; laundry, \$240; theaters, \$119; bowling alleys, \$15.50; pool tables, \$125; warblers, \$120; hotel runners, \$35; shooting galleries, \$30; fortune tellers, \$20; auctioneer, \$75; circus, \$75; phonograph, \$7.50. The sum total is nearly that of the preceding year.

The Eagles took a little roar Sunday afternoon incidentally presenting recently-elected officers with the tail-feathers of authority. The installation, which was an imposing ceremony, placed upon the several official cliffs the following high soars: Past president, C. J. Curtis; president, M. F. Hardesty; vice president, F. D. Winton; chaplain, J. H. O'Connell; secretary, A. Leberman; treasurer, I. Bergman; conductor, Jas. Keating; I. G. C. Wise; O. G. W. Wroton; trustees, Herman Wise, C. C. Uzina, and Joseph Gribler.

Final papers were passed yesterday afternoon in the sale of the schooner yacht Jessie, between Robert Caruthers and W. W. Whipple. R. M. Leathers, Joseph Baker and Alex. Grant, the latter taking immediate possession. The amount paid was \$4,500. It is the intention of the new owners to immediately prepare the Jessie to enter upon halibut fishing off Cape Scott, British Columbia, for which point she will leave within the next few days. The Jessie is of 73 tons register and is rated the fastest craft of her kind in Pacific waters. She will carry a crew of fourteen men, all told, and will be equipped with six dozens of 800 hooks each. Mr. Leathers will be the manager of the new company, the members of which are very enthusiastic as to the outcome of the enterprise.

The services at the Methodist church on Sunday were of an extraordinary character. The morning congregation was a large and representative one. The opening service was impressive and beautiful. The pastor's theme was "Book Keeping in Heaven." Every one realized it would be a wise thing to open a new ledger and be aware of our words, acts and deeds recorded therein. It was a great sermon. At the close of the discussion the roll was called, many members being present and responding to their names. This was an introduction of a new feature in Astoria Methodism. The most extraordinary thing about the services was the taking up of the benevolent collection. The pastor wished to raise \$250 for benevolent purposes. The amount was blocked off on the blackboard in sums ranging from \$1 to \$20. In less than fifteen minutes \$290 was raised. In the evening there was a very large congregation, some being in the gallery. The day closed with sweet memories.

A. F. AND A. M.

Hon. J. M. Hodson of Portland, grand master of Masons of the state of Oregon, will pay an official visit to the brethren of Temple lodge, No. 7, at their stated communication this evening at half past 7 o'clock. Every member, resident of Astoria, is expected to be present, and a cordial invitation is extended to every sojourning master mason, in good standing, to visit the lodge on this occasion and greet our grand master.

J. N. GRIFFIN, W. M.
E. C. HOLDEN, Sec.

THE RETORT COURTEOUS.
Astoria Daily News.
"Between cheap rates to Portland and the Morning Astorian, Astoria seems in a fair way to become depopulated," says the Oregonian. Ridicule is the argument of a fool. But how about the statement of one of the leading lights of the Oregonian's force that, if Astoria is granted common point rates, it "will practically depopulate Portland?"

HIGH SCHOOL IN A FLURRY

SNEAK THIEVES OPERATING

A Good-Sized Sensation Engrossing the Faculty—What Professor Payne Says—No Clue.

The High School is all in a flurry. From Professor Payne, on the top floor, to the janitor, in the basement. A decided sensation was sprung yesterday morning at the time for opening the exercises for the week by the discovery of wholesale depredations which had been committed since the close of school on Friday last. It was discovered that from nearly every room in the immense building articles ranging all the way from money and other valuables to a state pencil had been stolen by someone whose identity as yet is unknown. Desks from basement to attic had been rifled, even those of Professor Payne, the principal, and the teachers being despoiled of everything worth taking away.

At the close of the school hour yesterday afternoon Professor Payne called a meeting of the faculty at which the matter was thoroughly discussed with a view to ascertaining the identity of the thief.

When Professor Payne entered the building yesterday morning he was accosted by the janitor who asked him if he had left his key in the back door, stating that one had been found by him on the inside as he opened up the building a short time before. The professor stated that he had not done so and upon investigation it was found that the key had been taken from his desk, where he had been keeping it as it was not being used.

Shortly after school had been called to order, Miss Gray, who is in charge of the third grade, informed the professor that a sum of money amounting to about \$2.50 had been taken from her desk. Shortly after, Miss Garner, a teacher in the first grade, came in and stated that her desk had been rifled and that a small sum of money had been stolen together with other contents of more or less value. In less than an hour nearly every teacher in the building had reported discoveries of similar depredations upon their own property as well as innumerable pilferings from the desks of pupils.

In the classroom of the sixth grade, over which Miss Stockton presides, several articles were found lying on top of a desk, among them being a small revolver, two knives and a folding foot measure. Upon investigation it was found that the revolver had been taken from the desk of Professor Payne, where it had been kept for several weeks, having been taken from one of the boy pupils. The other articles were identified as belonging to pupils about the building.

Professor Payne was seen yesterday afternoon by an Astorian reporter. He made substantially the following statement:

PROFESSOR PAYNE TALKS.

"There is a great mystery connected with the thefts which I have just referred to," said he, "and I must confess that we are utterly in the dark as to the guilty person. There is every reason to believe the culprit to be a boy for the articles taken are those which would most naturally be sought by a boy. It is also reasonably certain that the individual is not very young for any idea to this effect is dissipated by the exceeding cunning and ingenuity displayed. I will state that this is not the first time that thefts of this kind have occurred, although it is by far the most important and widespread. Since the first offense was reported to me I have taken every precaution to obviate repetitions. I have also exercised all diligence in attempting to detect someone in these pilferings, assisted by the janitor. But in spite of all that could be done in this direction articles of more or less value have been constantly stolen. We have gone to the extent of leaving small coins—even pennies—about upon the desks, endeavoring to watch them closely. But singular as it may appear, the money has been invariably taken while the thief completely baffled detection. One of the reasons why I am convinced the guilty party is a boy is the fact that some time ago I missed a tennis ball from my desk. Now it is the most reasonable thing in the world to conclude that no girl would have taken it. But this is absolutely as far as we have been able to get in the direction of detection. It is one of the most mysterious cases I have ever encountered."

ANOTHER STATEMENT.

Janitor Rue was next seen. His story of the thefts was substantially similar to that of Professor Payne. "I have done everything within my power to catch the party," said he, "but with all I can do, the thief evades me."

"How could the thief effect an entrance?" was asked.
"That is what completely puzzles me," was the reply. "I have taken every precaution in this respect but to no use. The only conceivable manner in which entrance could be made, as far as I can see, would be for the thief to reach one of the windows by means of a long ladder, but no ladder

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has ever been seen nor is there any evidence of one having been used. I have placed coins about the building and laid in wait for some one to come and take them, but I never do as any good. Sometimes the coins are taken anyway, practically from under my very nose. I am satisfied that a boy is the guilty one, but I have doubts that it is one of the pupils. However, I have only my own impression to guide me in this belief."

It now develops that a short time ago the desk belonging to Miss Fosssett, who teaches in the seventh grade, was opened one night and a sum amounting to about \$5 taken. Not the slightest trace of it has ever been found. It is further learned that these thefts began prior to the appointment of Professor Payne to the position of principal, and that Professor Wright was constantly annoyed by the commission of petty thefts about the building, but he, like Professor Payne, was utterly unable to detect the author of the offenses.

THE FACULTY MEETS.
Immediately after the close of the various departments of the school for the day, the teachers assembled in room 9 for the purpose of discussing the sensational affair from every standpoint. The conference continued for nearly an hour, at the end of which Professor Payne announced that no conclusion of importance had been arrived at.

BOWLING TEAMS BRKE EVEN.

Road Club Took Two Games But Lost On Total Pins.

The Oregon Road Club and A. F. C. bowling teams are still tied for first place in the association championship tournament. The teams met last night, each taking two games. The A. F. C. alleys were crowded with ladies and gentlemen and great enthusiasm prevailed throughout the contest.

The bowling was of a poor order, not one big game being settled. The home team took the first and second games, while the third and fourth went to the visitors. The best two games were very close and exciting, the differences being only three and five pins. Miller's 89 score won the third game for the Road Club. The scores were as follows:

A. F. C.	
W. C. Laws	155
Herman Wise	151
P. B. Sovey	148
G. C. Fulton	143
L. B. Burroughs	143
F. H. Goodell	142

ROAD CLUB.	
R. L. Miller	172
George Fernan	157
D. Sorenson	157
A. E. Rosetter	150
R. St. Clair	123
H. M. Lemis	123

The totals by scores were:
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O. R. C. 208 229 243 221—901

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